

## **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – discretionary housing payments**

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

### **You asked:**

**1) Number of discretionary housing payment applications in 2011/12, and amounting to how much paid out?**

Total number of claims received 599, paid out £81,499

**2) Number of discretionary housing payment applications in 2012/13, and amounting to how much paid out?**

Total number of claims received 559, total paid out £209,549

**3) Number of discretionary housing payments 2013/to date, and amounting to how much paid out?**

Total number of claims received so far this year 2,603, total amount paid out £664,680

**4) What proportion of current applications is a direct result of the spare room subsidy (or so-called bedroom tax?)**

At present we have paid out 42% to spare room subsidy claimants

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**Information and Support**

**Leicester City Council**

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**New Walk Centre**

**LEICESTER LE1 6ZG**

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**Wycliffe House**

**Water Lane**

**Wilmslow SK9 5AF**

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